

DODGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MAY 3, 2021 9:00 A.M.

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DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JUNEAU, WI 53039

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dodge County Executive Committee Chairman, Russell Kottke.

Members present: Frohling, Hilbert, Kottke, Marsik, Schaefer, J. Schmitt (arrived at 9:01 a.m.), and Sheahan-Malloy.

Member(s) absent: None.

Others present: Dodge County Administrator Jim Mielke; Deputy County Clerk Christine M. Kjornes; Corporation Counsel Kimberly Nass; Dodge County Clerk Karen Gibson; Emergency Management Director Amy Nehls; Land Resources and Parks Director Bill Ehlenbeck; Information Technology Director Justin Reynolds; Finance Director David Ehlinger; Blue Rock WI Representative Brett Remington; and Daily Citizen Reporter Ken Thomas.

There was no Non-Committee Member County Board Supervisor requesting payment for attending the meeting.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Schaefer, seconded by Marsik to approve the March 29, 2021, and the April 5, 2021 minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

There was no discussion on the Resolutions from other Counties.

Dodge County Clerk Karen Gibson reported that the document entitled *Proposed agenda items for May 18, 2021 CB Meeting*, was included in the packet materials.

Ms. Gibson provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the Wisconsin Counties Association Annual Conference to be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on September 26-28, 2021. Ms. Gibson reported that seven (7) rooms have been reserved, and she will provide registration information at a later date.

Chairman Kottke reported that there is a Special Primary Election for Assembly District 37 that is to be held on June 15, 2021, therefore, the June County Board meeting needs to be rescheduled. He suggested June 22, 2021. Ms. Gibson explained how the special election affects the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Kottke confirmed that the June County Board meeting will be held on June 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

County Administrator Jim Mielke provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the 2021 Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal. Mr. Mielke reported that he anticipates three (3) proposals, and Bill Evans of Robertson Ryan and Associates will provide an update at the June 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Mielke provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the 2021 First Quarter Budget Reports for the County Board, County Administrator, and Risk Management. Mr. Mielke reported that an overview was included in the packet materials, and the goal of the quarterly budget reports is to provide awareness of any budget concerns.

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Emergency Management Director Amy Nehls provided an oral report to the Committee regarding a Resolution Authorizing the Dodge County Communication System P25 Simulcast Upgrade. Ms. Nehls reported that the upgrade is included in the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Nehls further reported that the encrypted channel is for law enforcement, and the upgrade will allow the ability to transmit the encrypted channel from all towers. Motion by Frohling, seconded by Sheahan-Malloy to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Dodge County Communication System P25 Simulcast Upgrade, and forward to the County Board for consideration at the May 18, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Ms. Nehls reported that she has no concerns with the Emergency Management 2021 First Quarter Budget.

Corporation Counsel Kimberly Nass reported on the status of contracts completed by the Corporation Counsel office.

Ms. Nass reported that the Corporation Counsel 2021 First Quarter Budget Report was included in the packet materials, and she has no concerns at this time.

Mr. Mielke reported that as of today, official guidance has not been received from the US Treasury on allocation criteria for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Land Resources and Parks Director Bill Ehlenbeck provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the Countywide Broadband Assessment Study. Mr. Ehlenbeck reported that Dodge County did not receive a broadband grant in 2021, and a Request for Proposal has been issued for a Broadband Assessment Study. Mr. Ehlenbeck further reported that Dodge County needs recommendations on how to fill the broadband gap. The deadline for responses to the Broadband Assessment Study is June 4, 2021. Supervisor Marsik commented that Dodge County needs accurate mapping of broadband dead zones. Mr. Ehlenbeck commented that Dodge County will need to work with the private and public sector to determine the role of Dodge County in the broadband process. Supervisor J. Schmitt voiced his concerns with the lack of funding for road projects but lots of effort is being put forth regarding broadband. Supervisors Hilbert and Sheahan-Malloy commented that broadband is necessary for economic development. Information Technology Director Justin Reynolds commented that the assessment will provide Dodge County with data on how to proceed, and broadband is a need for the future.

Supervisor Frohling reported that the deadline to submit resolutions to the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) for the September 2021 annual conference is June 28, 2021, and he serves on the WCA Resolution Committee.

Blue Rock WI Representative Brett Remington appeared before the Committee to provide an overview of the County Board Strategic Planning project. Mr. Remington commented that he will begin reaching out to the County Board Supervisors to introduce himself, and illustrate the process of the project. He recommended scheduling a standing County Board meeting solely for the purpose of strategic planning. It was a consensus of the Committee to have a County Board meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, at 6:00 p.m., with a start date of May 19, 2021. Mr. Remington encouraged the County Board Supervisors to provide ideas on the County's mission and vision at the

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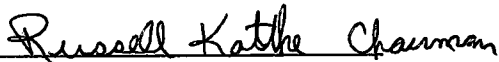
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May 19, 2021 meeting. The Committee continued with a discussion on who to acquire project input from, and methods of obtaining that information.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on June 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium, located on the First Floor, of the Administration Building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. by the order of the Chairman.

 Russell Kathe Chairman

Daniel Hilbert, Secretary

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